Increasing incidents of Terrorism

†571. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the increasing incidents of terrorism in the country;

(b) whether failure of intelligence agencies and shortage of police forces are responsible for such a state-of-affairs;

(c) if so, whether Government is drawing any effective plans for strengthening of the intelligence network; alongwith State-wise details of the posts lying vacant in the police departments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the challenges posed by terrorism to internal security in the country. The Central and State intelligence and security agencies work in close coordination, including regular sharing of information and intelligence. As a result, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible major terrorist incidents averted. As far as the State Police Forces are concerned, it is a fact that their strength needs to be augmented and existing vacancies filled up in a time bound manner. The Central Government has been consistently asking the State Governments to take expeditious action in this regard.

(c) and (d) Focused attention is being given to the strengthening of the intelligence apparatus both at the Centre as well as at the level of the State Governments, which inter-alia, includes qualitative upgradation and quantitative enhancement of manpower, besides initiatives on research and technology. In order to give the requisite attention to strengthening of the state Special Branches, the State Governments had been earlier advised to earmark at least 5% of their annual allocations under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) for this purpose. Recently, it has been decided to launch a separate Sub Scheme for this purpose under the MPF. At the operational level, there has been regular sharing of intelligence inputs by the agencies of the Centre with the States and various mechanisms have been put in place for this purpose. Particular attention is being given to pro-active coordination with the State Governments and agencies, including countering the use of information technology by terrorist groups to pursue their nefarious agenda.

As per available information, State/UT-wise details of vacancies in the State/UT (civil and armed) Police Forces in the rank of Constable, Sub-Inspectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police (Dy. SsP) is given in the statement.

Statement

Vacancy position in the States/UTs (Civil + Armed) Police for the ranks of Constables, Sub-Inspectors and Dy. SsP. as on 31.08.2007

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Constables Vacancies	Sub-Inspectors Vacancies	Dy. Ss P Vacancies
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4537	633	38
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	146	7	8

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1	2	3	4	5
3.	Assam	7691	497	180
4.	Bihar	10487	2534	85
5.	Chhattisgarh	5356	831	106
6.	Goa	165	2	8
7.	Gujarat	7418	1055	76
8.	Haryana	3604	353	28
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2176	100	20
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	4216	176	100
11.	Jharkhand	6295	669	85
12.	Karnataka	8235	1122	72
13.	Kerala	3466	370	9
14.	Madhya Pradesh	867	91	121
15.	Maharashtra	5706	1526	210
16.	Manipur	323	20	17
17.	Meghalaya	1325	62	16
18.	Mizoram	0	38	23
19.	Nagaland	0	6	26
20.	Orissa	1158	894	25
21.	Punjab	2198	182	76
22.	Rajasthan	3430	848	60
23.	Sikkim	542	0	8
24.	Tamil Nadu	14307	835	152
25.	Tripura	509	130	76
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3550	2473	281
27.	Uttarakhand	3752	373	23
28.	West Bengal	6586	1156	71
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	97	3	2
30.	Chandigarh	150	17	0
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13	3	0

1	2	3	4	5
32.	Daman & Diu	11	0	0
33.	Delhi	3856	489	60
34.	Lakshadweep	-3	9	7
35.	Puducherry	36	24	0
36.	Kolkata	706	628	3
37.	Mumbai	868	498	27
	TOTAL	113779	18654	2099

Commercialisation of women in advertisements on TV channels

†572.SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite protest of women groups on showing semi-nude and almost fully nude pictures of women in the telecasts of the advertisements during breaks by advertisement channels, no ban has been imposed on such advertisements;

(b) whether the women have been commercialized in these advertisements in the name of freedom of expression inspite of the fact that there is no relevance of such exhibition of women;

(c) whether such publicity is made by some T.V. channels in the name of sensational news encourage arson, sabotage and riots; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) No such specific protest has been brought to the notice of the Govt. However, some complaints on obscenity, nudity, vulgarity, etc. have been brought to the notice of the Govt. and action is taken as per Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder.

(b) to (d) No such study has been brought to the notice of the Govt. However, considering the situation among others, the Govt. had constituted a committee for reviewing the Programame and Advertising Codes (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder to provide greater specificity in the provisions of the existing codes. The committee has submitted its report to the Govt. on 5.3.2008 which is available on the website of the Ministry ***www.mib.nic.in*** under the heading "Self-Regulation Guidelines 2008." The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to look into the violation of the Programme and Advertising Codes. The Committee either *suo-motu* or on receipt of complaints, examines cases of violation of the Codes and if any violation is noted by the Committee, action is taken against the TV channel as per rules.

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